

COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

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Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: John Simecmeyer

Employing Office/Committee: Committee on Indian Affairs

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): American Gaming Association

Travel Date(s): OCT 13-15

Description/Title of Attached Forms: • revised/completed RE-2 Form

• invitation • final list of invitees

• Final PSTCF.

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): The original

Submission did not have the above listed forms
included.

12/10/19
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Traveler)

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Gaming Association

Travel date(s): OCT 13-15, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A
Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	Shuttle: \$27.50 Air: \$759	108 x 2 = \$216	\$68	GRE Exam Pass: \$225
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	Total: 786.50			

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

- ☐ Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

See agenda book attached

12/12/19 John G. Simeonyc
(Date) (Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]
(Signature of traveler)

- ☐ TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Date)

August 14, 2019

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the American Gaming Association (AGA), I am pleased to invite you to attend AGA's second annual "Congressional Staff Gaming Industry Experience" in Las Vegas, Nevada, from October 13-15, 2019. The AGA is the premier national trade group representing the \$261 billion U.S. casino industry, which supports 1.8 million jobs nationwide.

Through this interactive and informational experience, the AGA will provide senior-level staffers with a better understanding of casino gaming's modern appeal and vast economic contributions. Our program will highlight many aspects of the gaming industry, including a sports betting educational session, sportsbook demonstration and the casino's back-of-house operations. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to experience the gaming industry's premier tradeshow, the Global Gaming Expo (G2E).

Please see tentative logistical details below:

Program Date: Monday, October 14, 2019
Location: Las Vegas, Nevada
Programming: Morning – *Briefings, Guided Back-of-House Tour*
Early Afternoon – *Education Session, Tour of Trade Show*
Late Afternoon – *Facility Tours*
Evening – *Get to Know Gaming Reception*

AGA will provide roundtrip coach airfare, transportation in Las Vegas, group meals and two nights lodging (October 13 and October 14).

Please be sure to let us know if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this trip by contacting Alex Aragon at (202) 552-2675 or aaaron@americangaming.org. Likewise, we encourage you to RSVP at your earliest convenience, as space is limited.

We look forward to hosting you in Las Vegas.

Sincerely,



Casey Clark
Senior Vice President of Strategic Communications
American Gaming Association

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Gaming Association
2. Description of the trip: Global Gaming Expo (G2E), Insight on the U.S. casino industry.
3. Dates of travel: Sunday, October 13 - Tuesday, October 15, 2019
4. Place of travel: Las Vegas, Nevada
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: List of invitees attached (Excel spreadsheet)
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - ~~OR~~
 - ☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - ~~AND~~
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - ~~AND~~
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

☒ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

Travel time and distance to Las Vegas, NV, as well as the start and end time of the program.

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AGA is responsible for issuing invitations, organizing conferences and sessions and booking travel.

AGA is the sole sponsor of this trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AGA's mission is to promote members of the gaming industry on industry related issues including sports betting, job creation, tax related issues amongst others. This trip will give congressional staff the opportunity to engage with industry leaders, participate in education sessions and attend the Global Gaming Expo.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is the second trip the AGA is planning. It will include a similar agenda to the previous trip, which took place on October 8, 2018.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AGA prepares and presents Congressional testimony, policy papers, annual reports, conferences, press releases, and hosts/sponsors educational briefings on topics related to the gaming industry.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$759 - Airfare \$250 - Ground transportation	\$108/night + tax (FY 2019 GSA per diem)	Breakfast: Included in G2E Floor Pass Lunch: \$68	\$225 - G2E Floor pass for exhibition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	= \$1009			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The Trip is organized with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Las Vegas is a hub of many AGA members, including member facilities and headquarters.

It is also the location of Global Gaming Expo (G2E), which is AGA's annual trade show.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Palazzo: 3325 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The Palazzo is the host location of AGA's tradeshow, Global Gaming Expo (G2E) and is close in proximity to event locations.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Expenses for meals and other expenses provided to trip participants, fall within the maximum aggregate

per diem limit for official federal government travel for a trip of this length. Lodging costs are based off of

FY 2019 GSA per diem rates, which is \$6 less than that of FY 2020, which started on.... See addendum

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach airfare will be provided for airline travel.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

[Signature]

Name and Title: Casey Clark, Senior Vice President of Strategic Communications

Name of Organization: The American Gaming Association

Address: 799 9th St, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001

Telephone Number: 202.552.2675

Fax Number: 202.552.2676

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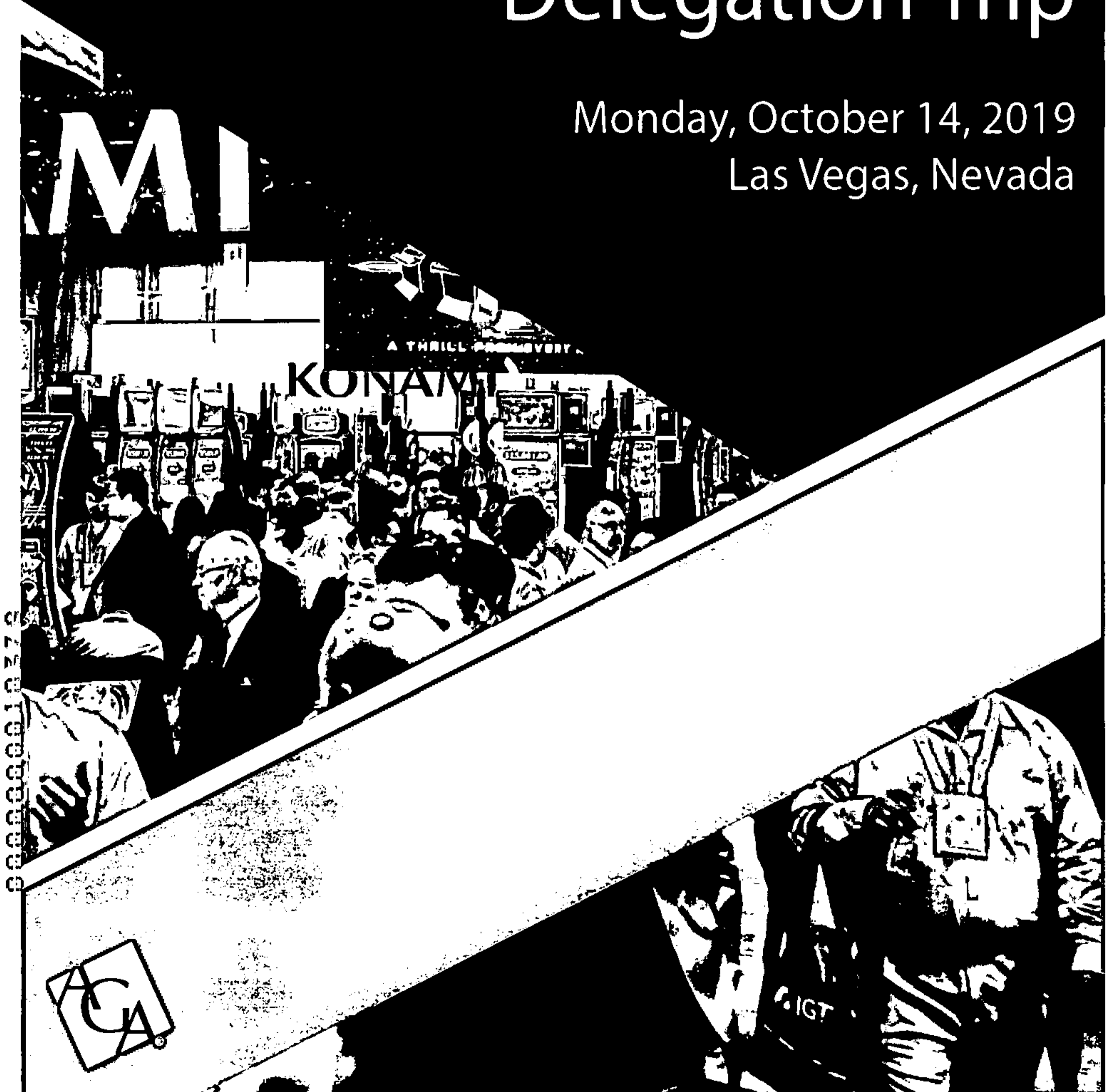
Expenses for meals and other expenses provided to trip participants, fall within the maximum aggregate per diem limit for official federal government travel for a trip of this length. Lodging costs are based off of FY 2019 GSA per diem rates, which is \$6 less than that of FY 2020, which started on October 1, 2019.

Lunch costs are based on the hotel's banquet and event menu that is in the contract of the trade show.

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2019 Congressional Staff Delegation Trip

Monday, October 14, 2019
Las Vegas, Nevada



Agenda

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Staffers arrive to McCarran International Airport (LAS)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast Briefing: “An Introduction and Overview of the Gaming Industry”**

Speakers: Chris Cylke, AGA; Eloy Martinez, AGA

Location: AGA Office / Sands Expo & Convention Center

Now more than ever, the gaming industry is recognized as a vast economic contributor, a source of proud and reliable employment, a pathway to the middle class and a provider of unique entertainment experiences throughout the United States. Congressional staff participants will hear from the American Gaming Association’s Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Chris Cylke and Senior Director of Government Relations, Eloy Martinez about the state of the gaming industry.

9:05 am - 9:15 am **Drive Time**

9:15 am - 11:15 am **Back of House Tour**

Location: Bellagio Hotel and Casino

On-site guide: Tina Matson – Director of Concierge, Bellagio Hotel

Congressional staff will tour the back-of-house of the casino operations, including state of-the-art security and surveillance, food and beverage, and housekeeping areas. Staff will learn about how casinos operate day-to-day. The congressional staff participants will be encouraged to ask candid questions and engage in discussion during this outing.

11:15 am - 11:25 am **Drive Time**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm **Tour of G2E Show Floor**

Location: Sands Expo and Convention Center

On-site guide: Allie Barth – VP of Industry Relations, AGA

Global Gaming Expo (G2E) is the largest gathering of global, commercial and tribal gaming professional in North America. Each year, the trade show and conference showcases innovative technologies, services and products from exhibitors. G2E offers a comprehensive view of the industry in core-gaming, igaming, food and beverage, and hospitality. The tour will give the congressional staff an opportunity to view the exhibition floor and learn more about equipment.

12:35 pm - 1:20 pm **Lunch**
Location: AGA Office
Speaker: Bill Miller, President & CEO, AGA

AGA's President and CEO will host a candid discussion over lunch and present additional information about AGA and the AGA tradeshow, G2E.

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm **G2E Education Session: "Sports Integrity from the Regulatory Point of View"**
Location: Veronese 2405

With sports betting continuing to expand across the US, the importance of sports integrity is a popular topic of discussion that has been repeatedly analyzed from the individual team and league perspective, from the sports betting operator standpoint and from the individual bettor's point of view. Keeping these varied opinions and interests in mind, this panel will address sports integrity from the state regulatory perspective, sharing lessons learned by states who have recently implemented sports betting post-PASPA, discuss their collective concerns about the ongoing prospect of federal oversight, evaluate the need for state-to-state collaboration on best practices and more. The education session is a featured panel discussion open to those who purchased access to the session, which is included in most G2E Show passes. The panel is an event without regard to congressional staff participation. Featured panelists will include:

***George Rover** - Managing Partner, Princeton Global Strategies, LLC & Chief Integrity Officer, Sports Wagering Integrity Monitoring Association
Christopher Hebert - Assistant Attorney General for the State of Louisiana
Jay McDaniel - Deputy Director, Mississippi Gaming Commission
Sandra Douglass Morgan – Chairwoman, Nevada Gaming Control Board
David Rebuck – Director, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement*

2:25 pm - 2:30 pm **Travel Time**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm **Sports Book Tour / Demo**
Location: Wynn Resorts
On-site guide: Doug Castaneda, Director of Race & Sports, Wynn Las Vegas

Following the education session on sports betting regulations, the congressional staffers will learn first-hand what goes into daily sports book operations. Congressional staffers will take a tour of the Wynn Sports book, receiving an inside look at the process of operating a sports book.

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm **Break**

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm **Wrap-Up Session**
Location: AGA Office
Speaker: Anton Severin, Director of Research

This session will provide the staffers an opportunity to recap the trip, ask questions and hear from AGA's research team, who will give a brief overview of the latest research on

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

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Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: John G. Simermeyer

Employing Office/Committee: Committee on Indian Affairs

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Gaming Association

Travel date(s): Oct 13-15, 2019

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Las Vegas Nevada

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The Committee on Indian Affairs is charged with oversight of the Indian Gaming Industry as per the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. As a Policy Advisor for the Committee, I am charged with advising the Chairman, and members of the Committee, on issues concerning the gaming industry. Briefings by relevant actors in the industry on the latests technology as well as site visits to see these activities in person, will help to inform the types of actions the Committee members may have to take, if any, on gaming issues as they come before the Committee.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

09/11/2019
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Employee)

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, John Hoeven hereby authorize John G. Simermeyer
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

9/11/19
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)